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Candidate Support Committee Announcement

The candidate support committee finished our teleconference to allocate the \$3,000 set aside by the SEC to support candidates. Consideration for support amounts came from careful examination of candidate questionnaires, city or area population, and other factors.

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to all of the candidates!

[Michelle Darnell, 48th LD State Senate](#)

[Ed Pace, Spokane Valley City Council](#)

[James Connor Blair, Yelm City Council](#)

[Jenn Hesse, Everett City Council](#)

[Robert Motzer, Lacey City Council](#)

[John W Schryvers, Anacortes City Council](#)

[Isa Parker Cline, Long Beach City Council](#)

[Joseph Cimaomo Jr., Covington City Council](#)

[Eli Olson, Marysville City Council](#)

This fall I have witnessed some wonderful achievements for Washington Libertarians. We formed a candidate support committee that provided real financial support to our candidates. This in turn helped fuel candidate outreach and spread the message to Washington voters. Libertarians across the state were being interviewed by the media and getting greater coverage than ever before.

I received a report from the Treasurer that our membership contributions are up and growing. New levels of team building and involvement are taking shape thanks to the effort of our members. This is what happens when we work together to achieve goals.

Speaking of working together, now that ballots are out, let's come together to support our candidates. They will need every possible volunteer they can get. They will need help with sign waving, phone calls, and any other activities to get out the vote. Please set aside some time these next couple of weeks to give them a hand. I am really excited for what's to come, and I am really excited to see how this election turns out.

The 2018 State Convention is on the horizon with the date set for February 16-18. The convention committees are looking for people who want to be involved. If you are interested in participating in any of the convention committees, please contact your regional representative for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

With Liberty,

Randy McGlenn II

Update From State Chair



SPREADING THE MESSAGE



“Constitution Day 2017: This is how we celebrated it. The Bill of Rights was written into the Constitution not to grant us rights, but to protect us from a government that might seek to take our natural rights from us. Democracy without limits is a powerful tool for the majority to oppress the minority. Just because a position is popular does not make it moral or just. We're not outgrowing the Bill of Rights; we've spent 229 years growing into it. Let's remember liberty.”

[Pierce County Libertarian Party](#)

Letter To The Editor: Repeal Expensive Land Use Laws

For years many Libertarians have suggested repealing the land use laws. Now we may be seeing some big help based on some hard to reject evidence.

According to a Sept. 6, New York Times editorial titled "How Local Housing Regulations Smothers the U.S. Economy" by economists from the University of Chicago and the University of California at Berkeley and based on research, they published in April of 2015, they state that "... Land-use restrictions are a significant drag on economic growth in the United States."

"Without these regulations, our research shows, the United States economy today would be 9 percent bigger — which would mean, for the average American worker, an additional \$6,775 in annual income." How would you feel with that kind of increase in your wallet?

Housing prices in Thurston County cost over \$150 a square foot. In cities which have allowed home construction to keep pace with the influx of people, prices are about \$100 per square foot. Repealing the land use laws could allow some of the money that goes to the mortgage bank each month stay in the family and be spent locally, benefitting the local families and merchants.

Repealing the laws would also increase job opportunities for local trades; it also means more opportunities for returning veterans, a reduction in stress on young families, and maybe a reduction in the number of homeless people on the streets.

Michael H Wilson--[Thurston County Libertarian Party](#)

Libertarians are not closer to Republicans in ideals than Democrats.

They are their own distinct party with the distinct ideology that aggression or force are not to be used politically.

Supporting any party member that endorses government over individuality, whether it be on social issues or fiscal issues is an atrocity and aberration of libertarian ideals.

Many are making the mistake that Republicans and libertarians are more aligned in ideals. This is an obtuse way of thinking and nothing can be further from the truth.

Republicans from the start have been the party of continual war, the party of centralized power, the party of mercantilism in the form of protectionism, the party of overriding the constitution when it fits their agenda. The party of centralized banking and hidden theft it causes.

Republicans have historically and unconstitutionally advocated for a war on personal vices. Have aligned themselves with the "Christian" right and have advocated and debated for religious values to be made into laws on the pretense of morality. They have garnered and worked hand in hand in expanding the American police state with police unions, prosecutors and others who benefit from the unconstitutional proactive policing of American citizens while eroding our rights and liberties in the process.

They continue to lie about their allegiance and support of the constitution yet they fail to even understand what that document is or the history behind it. They have worked hard at ignoring and erasing common law and natural law along with the theories of justice, instead relying on "case law" by statist judges who share the same upside down version of law as the political tyrants.

Why am I not picking on democrats in this article? It is because their crimes are well understood and condemned often by many claiming to be libertarian. Democrats are not pretending to be something they are not. They have openly declared their positions and have openly denounced the constitution or at least the parts they disagree with.

The big lie is that there are major differences between those two parties. The R's and the D's are different sides of the same counterfeit coin.

I as a libertarian denounce and decry any association or resemblance to either one of those parties.

Rob Stratton--[Whatcom County Libertarian Party](#)

Speaking Against Pay Per Mile



As the meeting for the Tax-per-mile pilot program was announced, Libertarians balked at the audacity of this overreaching push to more costly overhead and more inconvenience to Washington residents.

Thurston County's Christopher Rohloff created a press release and sent it to the media. Doubling down on this extremely useful but sometimes forgotten tool, an event was created to share and spread with others who feel this program is the wrong direction for Washington State.

Though the meeting was during the typical work day, we had four representatives appear. Kitsap County (Raylene Scott), Thurston County (James Holcomb; Adrian Wright), and even the Vice Chair of LPWA, Tiffany Diaz De Leon went to the meeting. During this meeting, we were approached by Komo 4 asking to interview some of us on camera, but also posted articles mentioning the Libertarians several times with quotes from those who came. Along with the media appearance, Raylene and Adrian spoke directly to the commission voicing our issues with the plan. Our concerns were brought to the evening news on three local stations. ([KOMO](#), [KIRO](#), [KING 5](#))

Let us continue to create these opportunities to educate Washington on who the Libertarians are and what we want to do to protect their rights.

In liberty,

Raylene Scott-[Libertarian Party of Kitsap County](#)

Michelle Darnell, Candidate for State Senate on the Todd Herman Show!

**"I'm running to keep the government
out of your bedroom, out of your
wallets, and out of your way!"**

[Listen to the fantastic interview!](#)



Region Three

Region 3 has seen an impressive step toward Libertarianism with education, social media, and networking in a grass roots movement. Kitsap County has been methodically working to educate its citizens on the principles of liberty and welcoming them to our movement. They are embracing the Love, Logic, Liberty slogan and are seeing progress in putting them into action. A promising new YAL chapter is also growing at Olympic College. Aj Mathews has been elected to Vice Chair moving forward and Bill Johnson has proudly accepted the Region 3 Representative position in the State SEC, making Raylene Scott the new alternate.—Raylene Scott

Region Updates

Region Four

We've seen stellar success over the few months. Thurston County's main success has been getting on the main news channels regarding the pay per mile tax. We also have two candidates running in Thurston County for Lacey City Council and Yelm City Council. Grays Harbor County has been having regular meetings, and is getting a board put in place to charter hopefully next year. Pierce County has also been having their regular meetings, and have been holding various events within the county for outreach. Mason and Lewis counties are still working on building their County chapters to be able to assist with educating their neighbors and friends about libertarianism. —[James Holcomb](#)

Is there a Libertarian running near you? Chances are, yes!

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Our candidates need your support in these final days. To find out how you can volunteer to help any of the above candidates please contact me!

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State Vice Chair: [Tiffany Diaz De Leon](#)

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[Jacob Lamont](#)

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[Maggie Mae](#)

Region Three Rep

[Bill Johnson](#)

Region Four Rep

[James Holcomb](#)



Region Five Rep

[Joshua Smith](#)

Region Six Rep

[Sonny Patterson](#)

Region Seven Rep

[Rory LeckBand](#)

Region 8 Rep

[Mike Leimon](#)

Out and About

September 26th was Voter Registration Day. David Voorhees and James Holcomb didn't let the [Thurston County LP](#) go un-noticed.

Special Thanks to [Danks Wonder Emporium](#) in Lacey for letting them set up!



Upcoming Events

NOV 7: [SnoCoLP Election Night Party](#). A night to honor candidates and volunteers

NOV 9: [Benton and Franklin Counties Monthly Meeting](#)

NOV 11: [Life Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness Food Drive](#). Hosted By SnoCo LP

NOV 13: [Kitsap LP Monthly Meeting](#)

NOV 15: [Cheers To Liberty](#) in Thurston County. Talk with liberty minded friends in an informal setting!

Nov 16: [Liberty Talks-Seattle](#) in King County. Talk with liberty minded friends in an informal setting!

NOV 18: [In person SEC Meeting](#). Hosted in Snohomish County

NOV 27: [Thurston County Monthly Meeting](#).

DEC 8: [LPKC Holiday Party](#). Hosted in King County.

DEC 11: [Kistap LP Monthly Meeting](#)

Update; LP National Region 1 Rep; Caryn Ann Harlos

Greetings Washington State Libertarians! A great amount has been going on behind the scenes at the National Party that should position the Party for better prospecting of candidates, members, and voters. A nation-wide database is being tested for potential rollout to all states that would allow access to membership data, partisan registration (where applicable), and other core data management functions. This is a huge step forward. We have also hired a Candidate Recruitment Specialist and a Candidate Support Specialist. Our goal is to have 2,000 candidates running nationwide. And the countdown is on for the 2018 "I'm That Libertarian" National Convention in New Orleans, June 30-July 3, 2018. You can find more information at <https://libertarianconvention.org>, and it is highly suggested that you make your reservations to hold your rooms now. I look forward to seeing and working with you there.



As your Regional Representative, I am always available to speak with you about any concerns that involve the National Party or anything that I can do for you. I also put out a monthly newsletter that details all the "inside baseball" items on the LNC from the past month. To receive this newsletter or to contact me for any other reason, please email me at caryn.ann.harlos@lp.org or call 561.423.2250. Be That Libertarian and free the world!

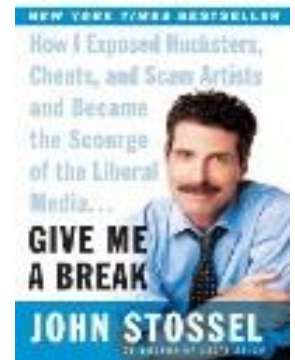
Great Reads!

Some people find Libertarianism through the classics such as Rothbard or Hayek, some through Objectivism and Ayn Rand, or the works of Ron Paul.

My source was more modern. One of my original inspirations or voices that brought me to the movement was John Stossel. Long time media personality and journalist turned-watchdog of government.

His book 'Gimme a Break' helped open my eyes to government waste and insanity (multi-million dollar park restrooms) and regulatory madness and unfairness in the African American hair braiding industry. Stossel just had a way explaining basic concepts, and common sense.

Tiffany Diaz De Leon—State Vice Chair



25th Anniversary Edition

NEW LIBERTARIAN MANIFESTO

Samuel Edward Konkin III

"The New Libertarian Manifesto" by Samuel E. Konkin III is a completely different way of looking at the situation of liberty.

While there are valid criticisms to be made, there is definitely value and looking at the possible arrangements and strategies to achieve liberty in our lifetime. The idea that political action is a complete waste is not one of the ideas of the book I would support, but implementation of Konkins strategies along with political action is definitely valuable.

If nothing else, this book is well written and will provide a new point of view and a different point of view of the liberty movement.

Mark Kibler—Kitsap County

Additional Documents

Thurston County Libertarian Party

For Immediate Release

Date: October 16, 2017

Contact: Chris Rohloff; Media Relations LPTC

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Public Meeting; Per Mile Tax

Join members of the Libertarian Party of Thurston County in fighting the state's new attempt to tax our drive to work. Members of LPTC and the Libertarian Party of Kitsap County will be in attendance at the open meeting regarding the per mile tax on Tuesday morning 10/17, at 8:30 am

"The cities artificially limit housing supply with red tape, and anyone not making enough to live in the city is forced to accept a longer commute. Now the State wants to give them a new tax to go with their commute. We must stop taxing people's drive to work." (Chris Rohloff, LPTC).

There are many problems with the State's proposed new per mile tax; we will address the fact that it disproportionately burdens those who can't afford to live in the city.

Zoning, property taxes, and red tape all contribute to the skyrocketing cost of housing in the cities. These are decisions made by city leaders which directly affect the lower income earner living in the city. Not surprisingly, not all poor live in the city with mass transit options as noted in a Brookings Institute Study, "All together, suburbs accounted for nearly half (48 percent) of the total national increase in the poor population over that time period." (<https://www.brookings.edu/testimonies/the-changing-geography-of-us-poverty/>)

They now will face a new tax because of the cities choices that kept or forced them out. The state has used the reasoning that with new more fuel efficient vehicles, they need to raise revenue to pay to fund infrastructure. However, consider that the State of Washington has the second highest gas tax in the country, and in a recent study had the twelfth most roads in disrepair.

Does the state really need to increase tax revenue to fund infrastructure by taxing our drive to work, or should they first determine better ways in which they can spend the money that already have?

We must find a way to stop taxing people's drive to work.

END

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